cathir was the failure of the asbestos cur-tain to work properly. If that had been dropped the way it eught to have worked certainly the loss of life would have been infinitely loss. I told Chief Musham to-day to put two experienced firemen on the stage of every theatre in the city and have the theatre firemen look after the audience. The management of the playhouses will have to pay the city employees, and if they make any objection to it they will have to close their places of amusement; that's all. If the theatre was overcrowded, that point will come out before the Coroner's jury

all right. "I have an idea that if some one had had the presence of mind to stick to his post and make every effort to lower the asbestos curtain instead of trying to quiet the audience we would not have had this horrible closing chapter. I certainly think that the City Council ought to pass a fair ordinance, including every precaution that can be thought of, and then make every theatre comply with it or close down.

"I am going to ask that all business be suspended on Saturday out of respect for the dead. In regard to swearing in deputies and having more than one Coroner's jury, I do not know what the law is, but this is a time for the law of humanity, and I don't care what the legal phase is. I have asked Coroner Traeger to set aside the ordinary forms of law and finish up the inquest as soon as possible."

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

President Roosevelt, Sir Thomas Lipton, Mayor Low and Others Send Telegrams. CETCAGO, Dec. 31.-A telegram of sympathy came from President Roosevelt

early to-day: To the Hon. Carter Harrison, Mayor, Chicago.
In common with all our people throughout this land, I extend through you to the people of Chicago my deepest sympathy in the terrible catastrophe which has befallen them.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Gov. Yates sent this message to the Mayor: The great calamity which has come upon your city has excited the profound grief of the entire State, and therefore I hastes to tender to your community and to the hundreds of families desolated by this catastrophe the heartfelt sympathy of the whole people.

RICHARD YATES, GOVERNOR.

Sir Thomas Lipton, in a message of deep sympathy, offers to contribute \$1,000 to any fund Mayor Harrison may have organized. His message reads:

Am terribly shocked and distressed to hear of the appalling calamity which has befallen Chicago. My most heartfelt sympathy goes cut to the suffering and bereaved. Have the most grateful recollection of kindness received at hands of Chicago friends during my recent illness in their midst, and if any fund is being organized to alleviate the suffering will gladly contribute \$1,000.

THOMAS J. LIPTON, Lenden.

The St. Louis Stock Exchange telegraphed:

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your people in this terrible affliction. Nayor Low of New York telegraphed:

Center Harrison, Mayor of Chicago.

The city of New York and all our people send heartfelt sympathy to Chicago, and especially to those so sorely afflicted by yesterday's calamity.

Other telegrams of condolence were received from Wilhelm Singer, president of the Central Board Press Association, Vienna, Austria; the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, the Willey Labor Commission, Plymouth, England; Mayor Maybury of Detroit. Dr. Lueger, Mayor of Vienna, and many

FAULTS IN CONSTRUCTION.

No Fine for Smoke at the Back of the Stage -Metal Laths Not Imbedded.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- During the construction of the Iroquois Theatre the Fireproof Magaz ne criticised its construction because it lacked a shaft or five at the back of the stage for carrying the flames and smoke upward and away from the auditorium, in the event of fire. Such shafts Metropolitan Opera House in New York, and a similar provision is made at the Chicago Auditorium.

The method of frencoding the halcony and gallery was also declared to be detive, because metal lath was used in what is known as exposed construction, where heat would easily affect it. In modern fireproof buildings this lath is buried in concrete. It was the buckling out of this metal lath and iron rods, givion that the galleries theming the impress selves were falling, that is believed to have been partly responsible for the panic. There was no criticism of the strength of the gallery and balcony arches, which were built in the usual manner.

W. A. Merriam, western manager of the George A. Fuller Company, which ed the trequois Theatre, made this statement this morning concerning the contion of the building ruction of the building.
"The theatre was built with safety as

the first consideration. All the building ordinances were complied with in every detail, and, more than that, there were additional safeguards thrown about it until. I do not hesitate to state, there was no theatre building in this country or anywhere which was so free from danger.

The exits were numerous, and all the work which our company performed was absolutely fireproof. I have made since the dissater a careful examination of the as, and I find that the building, as eted by us, still stands intact.

To part of the structure was burned. r ten. All in the parquet seemed to have been torn away by the rushing crowd. The backs of the seats in the first and second balconies are scorched, but the roof, the walls, the balconies and the main floor are there just as we built them, and the exits and entrances are all free and open.

NO ACTIVE FIREMEN ON HAND.

Poer Laws Blamed for Lack of Protection in Chicago-New York's System Praised. CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- "All citizens of Chi-

cago are indirectly responsible for the fearful loss of life in the Iroquois Theatreresponsible because they have not risen in revolt against the State of Illinois, which government under conditions that are abcolutely criminal."

This statement was made by Acting Mayor Lawrence E. McGann to-day. He with Chief Musham, awaited the arriva of Mayor Harrison. Both had been on duty all night and under the greatest nervous

"Every public official," continued Mr McGann, "is aware of the dangerous condition to life and property which exists in this city because of the restricted form of our municipal government. Two memhers of the Chicago Fire Department on duty in that theatre yesterday might have seved 600 lives. Instead of that a retired member of the department, not fit for the

city's service, was on duty Every danger point in this great city is under the jurisdiction of private interests and is guarded by men unfit for duty in the regular points and fire departments. teelf. This oriminal negligance exists, arst, because the State of Illinois makes Chicago ridiculous every time it goes te Springfield and asks for legislation that strutton his parents were graduated in 1871.

makes the proper protection of life and property and the government of the mu-nicipality under safe conditions possible. Next, the people here are responsible because they do not wrest from the Legislature laws which are imperative to their

"Mr. Fire Chief," inquired Comptroller McGann, turning to Chief Musham, "why have you not members of the department on duty in every theatre in Chicago

"I have tried to accomplish that," replied the Chief, "but I have not jurisdiction. The city has no money to pay men for that work, and we have not now sufficient funds to man the department."

Bave you ever taken it up with the theatrical managers?'

"Yes, I made that recommendation recently, but the managers objected. They said the men they had on duty were more familiar with the playhouses. The argument is not good, but I am helpless. The city can do nothing." Chief Musham then went into the provis-

ions made by other cities for the protection of theatres. In New York, he said, two members of the department, under the jurisdiction of the Chief, are required by law to be on duty in every theatre, playhouse or similar place where large crowds

"All fire protective arrangements in that city," he said, "are under the control of the chief, who is absolute and who is held accountable for their effectiveness.

WHAT CAUSED THE DISASTER

Seven Striking Conditions That Contributed to the Herror.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-These facts stand out in relation to the Iroquois Theatre fire: 1. There was, according to law, an asbestos curtain, which if lowered would have confined the fiames to the stage, for a time at least. This curtain was not lowered. Eddie Foy, the principal comedian, says he called again and again for the curtain to be lowered and got no answer. Others say some sort of an attempt was made to lower the curtain, but that it stuck part way down. If it had come down the great loss of life would probably have been averted.

2. The exits, which were provided by law for just such emergencies, were blooked by iron doors, and these doors were locked. The struggling victims strove to better them down with their naked

3. The audience was composed, ninetenths, of women and children. It was a "bargain matinée" day for Klaw & Erlanger's "Mr. Bluebeard," prices having been reduced for the occasion, so that there was a large attendance, and an attendance peculiarly helpless in case of accident.

4. There was no fire alarm box in front of the theatre, as customary. A man had to run some distance and turn in an alarm by word of mouth, losing time of inestimable value.

5. There was no shaft or flue at the back of the stage for carrying the sincke and fames away from the auditorium, such as are in use in other big structures of the kind, according to criticism of the construction of the building published in the Fireproof Magazine some time ago.

6. The method of fireproofing the balcony and mallery is deckred to have been defective, because metal lath was used in exposed construction, instead of being

7. It is said that the means of exit from the balconies and galleries were not ade-

BOARD OF TRADE CLOSES.

quate.

Fire Calamity Practically Makes It Impossible to De Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-While the Coroner was busy on his task of preparing to investigate the horror, Chicago business nterests recognized the magnitude of the disaster. Many social occasions were post-

The Board of Trade closed at noon In a speech to the traders Secretary Stone reflected the individual views of all when e said that "business is almost impossible Chicago in the shadow of the unspeakally terrible disaster of yesterday.

Action closing the board at noon was taken by the board of directors in this resolution:

The directors of the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, summoned by the irresistible and noblest instincts of a common humanity, in special session assembled, hereby extend to that vast number of sorrowing ones plunged into inexpressible grief by the un-speakably herrible disaster of yesterday at the Iroquois Theatre.

The Chicago Stock Exchange closed at noon to-day on account of the theatre disaster. Only necessary business was transacted.

KEPT AN AUDIENCE STILL

Lackage Amused the Garrick People Between the Acts-Didn't Hear of the Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. \$1 .- One of the largest audiences ever seen in the Garrick Theatre which is not a block away from the Iroquois on Randolph street, remained ignorant of the calamity throughout the performances owing to the extraordinary measures taken to prevent a panio.

When the fire engines and other apparatus began clattering past the Garrick, Manager Schubert became fearful lest an erroneous impression that his theatre was on fire should spread in the audience. When the intermission between acts came he ordered the doors closed and refused to allow any one to pass in or out, as he was determined that no knowledge of the fire should reach the audience.

Wilton Lackaye, the star of "The Pit, then assumed the rôle of a monologist by stepping before the curtain and entertaining the audience for over five minutes with a speech that set his hearers in an uproar of laughter, the orchestar contributing its part toward diverting the audience, and the curtain rose for the next has compelled this city to continue its act without anybody other than the theatre employees knowing that hundreds of lives were being sacrificed within a stone's throw

> There was consternation when the Gar rick audience reached the street. Hundred swarmed about the doors and many people were embraced by relatives who had rushed there.

FIRE POSTPONES A WEDDING

The Marriage of Dr. Gunsaulus's Daughter

Put Off-Bride's Cousin Hurt. CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .-- A wedding which was to have taken place this evening was postponed indefinitely by the Iroquois Theatre fire. William McLaughlin was to have been an usher at the marriage of Dr. Frank Gunsaulus's daughter Martha to Henry Hamilton Schueler. McLaughlin, who is 21 years old, is a nephew of Mrs. Gunsaulus. His father is the Rev The time has arrived for this city to assert Mr. McLaughlin, for ten years a Methodist minister at Buenos Avres. He came from Buenos Ayres to attend the Weslevan school at Delaware, Ohio, from which in-

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His mother was formerly Miss Rebecca Long of London, Ohio.

McLaughlin arrived in Chicago this week to act as usher at his cousin's wedding and was injured only a few hours before the time set for the ceremony. From the theatre he was carried to the Presbyterian Hospital. As soon as they were apprised of Mr. McLaughlin's condition Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus notified the guests that the wedding would be postponed. The wedding was to have been one of the most notable of the week. All arrangements and invitations were cancelled and no new plans have been made.

WORK OF THE THIEVES.

Dead Despoiled of Jewelry and Even Clothing Almost From the First.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- One of the most distressing features of the fire was the work of thieves among the dead. Before the first fifty bodies had been carried from the burning theatre a score or more of thieves had begun searching the piles of dead for loot. They filled their pockets with rings, bracelets and watches taken from the dead. Earrings were even torn from the ears of women.

One of the earliest of these deeds took place in Thompson's restaurant, in Ranolph street near the theatre. A man who had gained admittance under the plea of searching for a relative was seen to stoop over the body of a dead woman. A second later he seized one of the woman's hands and twisted a ring from the finger. A policeman saw the act and went in pursuit of the robber. The latter made his way to the door, and the only punishment he received for his crime was a crack from the club of the policeman. The crowd at the door prevented further pursuit.

Another man was caught carrying a set of furs which he had stolen from one of the victims. This man did not escape. A policeman seized him, handled him roughly in taking him to a patrol wagon and locked him in a cell at the central station. Other robberies or attempted robberies of the dead were reported at severa of the places where the dead were taken! Half a dozen men were arrested.

PITTSBURG MAN WHO ESCAPED.

Re Save the Panie Was Started by a Wild Cry of Fire From a Thousand Throats.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.-D. A. Russell of Pittsburg, manager of the National Life Insurance Company, was one of those who escaped from the Iroquois Theatre fire. Mr. Russell reached home this afternoon. He is certain that the blaze started under the stage and denies that there was any explosion. He said:

"I had an aisle seat in the parquet, near the centre. The downstairs portion of the auditorium was crowded and several rows of persons were standing in the passageway between the seats and the entrance. Nine-tenths of the people downstairs were women and children, and the same was true of the balcony and galleries. Every-

body was enjoying the performance. There came a puff of smoke from under the stage, over the heads of the orchestra players. At the same instant there was a commotion on the stage as the smoke burst into flame. An actor, I don't know who he was, said there was no danger if the people remained calm: the theatre was absolutely fireproof and the trouble would be

over in a few moments. "For a second or two there was an absolute hush. Then a wild cry of fire went up from a thousand throats, and pandemonium broke loose. The people standing near the doors were the first to move. Those nearest the stage climbed over the seats behind them and plunged toward the back of the theatre. There were more men in the back part of the theatre than toward the front. Not a man, as far as I could see, made any effort to save any one but himself. I never in my life saw anything like that fight."

MISS HIGGINSON'S DEATH.

Well known Member of the Lenox, Mass. Colony One of the Victims.

PITTSFIRLD, Mass., Dec. 31 -- Miss Jean. nette Higginson of Lenox, who was killed in the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago yesterday afternoon, was a daughter of George Higginson of Lenox, a wealthy cottager. She returned from a vear's travel in Europe in October, and after a month in Lenox with her father went to Chicago, accompanied by her companion, to spend the winter with her brothers, Augustus and George Higginson, Jr. At noon to-day George Higginson received

despatch which read: "Jeannette, Miss Gerow and Roger killed in vesterday's theatre fire. Come.

No details of the death of Miss Higginson had been received in Lenox up to this evening, when Mr. Higginson left for Chicago. accompanied by his brother, Henry Higginson, a Boston banker.

Miss Higginson was 35 years old. She was a native of Boston, but had lived for twenty-five years in Lenox, where her father was one of the early cottage owners. She was well known in the New York cottage set. Miss Gerow, her companion, who was killed, lived in Vineland, N. J. She was engaged in 1902 to accompany Miss Higginson abroad and had been retained since. She was about 30 years old. Her parents reside in Vineland. Roger Higginson, who was killed, is a nephew of Miss Higginson and the eight-year-old son of George Higginson, Jr., of Chicago.

"BLUEBEARD" CO. COMING HOME. Mare Klaw Says It Will Be Brought Back

to Town-Annabelle Whitford Safe. The "Mr. Bluebeard" company will be brought back to this city. "The Billionaire" company, another Klaw & Erlanger show, is on its way here with the body of Jerome Sykes, the star of the troupe, who died in Chicago on Tuesday. Marc Klaw said last night that his news from Chicago was that

Lost His Entire Family in the Fire. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-E. C. Frady, president of the Stropber Piano Company, who lives at 4856 Forestville avenue, lost his wife and child, mother, sister and nephew in the fire. His home is absolutely desolate. EUROPE SENDS SYMPATHY.

Fireproof Curtain Lowered Between Acts in London-Fear for Berlin Theatres.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. VIBNNA, Dec. 31 .- A feeling of horro over the Iroquois Theatre fire at Chicago fills the public mind. All the newspapers print expressions of the most sincere sympathy. The president of the Central Bureau of the European Press Union has sent a cablegram to Mayor Harrison of Chicago. in which he says he is deeply shocked at the catastrophe, which has brought sorrow to the hearts of all civilization.

Herr Lueger, the Burgomaster of Vienna has cabled Mayor Harrison, expressing hearty sympathy and deep condolences over the terrible catastrophe.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- The most profound sympathy is expressed on all sides with the sufferers by the Chicago fire. The St James's Gazette says, in commenting on it: "Death can never seem more tragic than when it comes upon a great gathering of parents and children assembled at such a holiday festivity as a pantomime. Sir James Thomson Ritchie, the Lord

Mayor of London, sent the following message to Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador, to-day: "The citizens of London offer their deep

sympathy and sincere condelences to the American people in the awful loss of life in the Chicago theatre fire." Mr. Choate, in acknowledging the receipt of the telegram, thanked the Lord Mayor.

and added that he had sent a copy of the

message to Washington. One of the regulations of the London County Council is that the fireproof curtain of a theatre must be lowered once during

each interval at every performance. In an interview with the correspondent of THE SUN the chief of the County Council's theatre construction department said he thought the Chicago fire department could not be held responsible for the disaster. He attributed the great loss of life more to the panic among the women in the theatre than to the fire. He quoted the regulation which says that "at least half the total length of the boundaries of the sites of theatres shall abut upon a thoroughfare forty feet wide." He expressed the belief that the regulation of the County Council that a fireproof curtain must be lowered once during each interval at every performance, if enforced, would prevent any chance

of failure to work at critical times. The King and Queen have sent a telegram of sympathy through the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Monkswell, chairman of the London County Council, has sent a message of sympathy to Ambassador Choate on behalf of the council.

Among numerous sympathetic comments in the London press the conduct of Eddie Foy obtains cordial recognition, one paper declaring that no element of greatness was lacking in it. London has enjoyed singular immunity

from fire disasters in its theatres for a century, the total number of deaths since 1800 being less than eighty. The last fire in a properly licensed theatre occurred in 1858, when sixteen of the panic-stricken audience were killed. It has been only lately, however, that the stringent regulations of the London County Council have been at all generally enforced. For a long time they were bitterly op-

posed by powerful vested interests. Even now they are not universally obeyed. Mr. Frohman's agent here assured an interviewer that the regulations in New York are as thorough as those here.

That the strictest precautions of the best arranged theatres do not suffice to avert panic is recognized by those who are not blinded by over-confidence, and it is asked, if the Chicago horror was possible in a new building constructed on the most scientific lines and equipped with every protection, how the public could hope to fare in older and less completely furnished houses. It is pointed out that there are plenty of the latter in Great Britain, and the Chicago disaster is held up to them as an obvious lesson.

BERLIN, Dec. 31 .- Authorities here said to-day that in view of the Chicago disaster they were not satisfied with the precautions taken to protect the patrons of the Berlin theatres. According to Herr Brandt, the supervisor, only one of the theatres-that known as the Schauspielhaus—is adequately

protected from a similar tragedy. The news of the disaster caused a great sensation here, especially in view of the great German element in Chicago. A large number of persons flocked to the American Embassy, the consular offices and the offices of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Steamship Company inquiring for lists of the victims. None. however, has yet been received. Many relatives of persons living in Chicago have cabled inquiries there.

With a view to calming the public the chief inspector of the royal theatres has issued a statement explaining the precautions and regulations enforced in those places of amusement.

Herr Reicher, an actor, who recently made a tour of the United States, says that a majority of the American theatres are death traps, owing to the fact that they are we dged among houses. He says that the cheapest parts of the theatres are the safest. The occupants of the boxes and stalls are in constant danger.

HURRIED BY SPECIAL TRAIN.

Indiana Man Whose Children Were in the Fire Reaches There After Midnight. CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 31.-W. E. Dee of Chicago, a wealthy manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., ten miles from here. heard of the Chicago theatre disaster by telephone last evening. The list of missing contained the names of two members of his family. He instantly started for Chicago,

Jumping into a buggy, he drove at top speed to Clinton, where he chartered a switch engine and dashed on to Danville, switch engine and dashed of train had Ill., fifty miles distant. A special train had lit. a special train had been ordered by telegraph and was waiting been ordered by telegraph and training the started for Chifor him. At midnight he started for Chi-cago. Edward and Louise Dee, his chil-dren, are among the missing.

SAFETY IN TRAVEL

STRIKING DRIVERS RELENT.

WILLING NOW TO HELP IN FIRE DISASTER RESULTS.

Truce Declared in the Strike-Strikers Laughed When Asked to Take Hold and Drive Fire Victims Away From the Iroquels-Change About Quickly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-The livery owners and their striking drivers have declared a truce for ten days. As soon as the extent of the Iroquois disaster was known, the owners met and passed resolutions offering to reinstate all the men who had walked out at the old scale of wages.

Albert Young, former national president of the teamsters' union, in charge of the livery strike, issued an order for every striker to return to work at once, regardless of wage scale or other grievances. The men were only too glad to end the strike.

The 1,600 drivers will not be adequate to the situation. The "Blackwag one" will remain in service. There are not enough nearses in Chicago to serve for the hundreds of funerals.

The striking drivers last night refused to ssist in carrying away the dead from the Iroquois Theatre, when the owners offered carriages for that purpose free of charge. The Central Police Station telephoned W. D. Moone yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to send all the vehicles he could to the scene of the disaster. He replied he would send as many as he could get drivers

He ordered his foreman, Charles Clemsen and then his bookkeeper, H. J. Burlingame, to go into a saloon next door and ask the drivers to volunteer.

"It's none of our funeral; we won't do it. said the drivers who are wont to loiter in the salcon.

When General Organizer Albert Young learned of the catastrophe and the action of the strikers he immediately issued the following proclamation.

Proclamation to the Public: Owing to the great disaster caused by the fire at the Iroquois Theatre, I do hereby declare a truce in the present strike of the undertaker livery driver for ten days, and do further request that every man now on strike report at once at his respective place of employment and do everycaring for the wants of the public, wages

ALBERT YOUNG, General Organizer Foreman Clemsen said that he did not think the drivers realized how serious was the call. "I told them," said Clemsen, "that the Iroquois was burning up and asked them to go down on the carriages. No. 1 didn't tell them that any were dead. I did

not know that myself."

Mr. Moone declared, however, that he despatched Bookkeeper Burlingame fifteen minutes later on the same errand, after hearing by telephone that seventy-five were dead, the drivers laughed at Burlingame and said they would go down on the cars to see the fire, but they were not going to be pulled off the carriages by their not know that myself."

SOME OF THE AFFLICTED.

Persons Outside of Chicago Who Lest Reiattves in the Fire.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.-When the train bearing Attorney William M. McGill of Pittsburg entered Chicago this morning he learned for the first time that his daughter, Elizabeth, aged 13 years, and his sister-inlaw. Mrs. Charles Koll of Chicago, had been burned to death in the Iroquois Theatre fire and that his wife was seriously burned. although her chances for recovery were good. Shortly before Christmas Mrs. McGill and her daughter went on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Koll.

Simon O'Donnell, superintendent of the Union Stock Yards, left to-night for Chicago. He lost two grandchildren and their nurs in the Iroquois Theatre fire. He was in Chicago and spent Christmas with them. He brought Simon O'Donnell Dee, aged 15, here with him. Alberton Dee, aged 7; Edward, 9, and Louise, two and a half years, with their nurse, Mrs. George Erret, were in the theatre. Allerton was saved, Edward was killed and Louise was found nine and a half hours later under the mass of bodies alive, but probably injured mortally. William, aged 12, had refused to go to the theatre, as he wished to play on the street. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-With Mrs. R. H.

Trask and her daughter Odessa, 14 years old, of Ottawa, Ill., Alicia Maloney, the eleven-year-old daughter of former Attorney General M. T. Maloney, came to Chicago yesterday to attend the matinée performance of "Mr. Bluebeard." Every effort to find trace of Mrs. Trask and her charges has thus far proved futile. Mr. Maloney. with his son, J. F. Maloney, came to Chicago on the first train out of Ottawa after the disaster, and with his other sons, Will and Fred, the famous hurdlers of the University of Chicago, searched morgues and

ospitals all night. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 31 .- Among hose supposed to have perished in the Chicago theatre fire is Miss Minnie Overlook of Middlesex county, Va. Miss Overlook was expected here on a visit to Mrs. T. J. Chewning next week and when Mrs. Chewning saw her name among the missing this morning she notified the girl's parents

DEAD WHO WERE KNOWN HERE.

The Van Ingen Children Related to Mem-

bers of the Wholesale Woollen Firm. The announcement in yesterday's newspapers that Edward Van Ingen, 20 years old; John Van Ingen, 18; Mary Van Ingen. is; Dotty Van Ingen, 5, and Grace Van Ingen, 2, had been among the victims of the fire brought sorrow to members of the firm of E. H. Van Ingen & Co., dealers in woollen goods at 160 Fifth avenue.

The three members of the firm, Edward, Dudley and Mclane, are the brothers of Henry S. Van Ingen of Kenosha, Wis., the father of the five children who were sisters, and for a while they wrung their burned or trampled to death.

The whole family of Henry S. Van Ingen. including another son, who escaped attended the play. They became separated in the panic. The mother and father, in the panic. The mother and father, though injured, sought their children as soon as they got outside the theatre. The body of John was found first.
Edward H. Van Ingen said last night at his home, 9 East Seventy-first street,

that he had heard nothing definite about

the accident from Chicago and that the first information the New York members

the family had received was through

the morning newspapers. Another uncle of the dead children is William B. Van of the dead children is William B. Van Ingen of 58 West Fifty-seventh street.

Mrs. Sarah Krantz, who died early yesterday from injuries received in her struggle to leave the burning theatre, was the sister-in-law of George S. Krantz, whose home is at Orange, N. J., and who is advertising agent for Sheppard Knapp & Co., and of John Krantz, who lives at Paterson, and is a saleman of the Methodist Rook. and is a salesman of the Methodist Book Concern. George S. Krantz received word late on Wednesday night that his brother, Concern. George S. Krantz reclate on Wednesday night that sister-in-law and little niece had all been injured in the fire. On learning of his sister-in-law's death, yesterday, he started for Chicago. The brother, whose home is in Racine, Wis., is seriously but not fatally

burned and the child is but slightly injured To Cure a Cold in One Day The trains of the ERIE RAILROAD en route to Buffalo. Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago are siways protected by block safety signals.—Adv. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.—Adv.

NEW FIRE HORRORS

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Washington Authorities Take Steps to En-

force the Fire and Safety Laws. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-Warrants were

sworn out here to-day for the arrest of P. B. Chase, manager of Chase's Theatre; Edwin J. Bulkley, manager of the Empire Theatre, and John W. Lyons, manager of the Academy of Music, charged with operating their respective places of amusement without licenses. Similar action for violation of the law was taken against several hotel managers. The most remarkable feature of the affair is the fact that although licenses were denied for the operation of the theatres named, because of noncompliance with the fire and safety laws of the District of Columbia, the managers have been, nevertheless, permitted to opere their playhouses. In the case of Chase's Theatre it is alleged

that the house until recently had no asbestos curtain and that the proscenium is of wood, honeycombed with a series of wooden air-shafts running from the basement to the roof. Last year the license was refused, but was later granted on the condition that found this year, however, that the law had not been compiled with, and the license was again refused. The building inspector propounced the house "extremely unsafe." It has, however, been allowed to continue n operation without a license until to-day.

In the case of the two other theatres named the facts are practically the same. Licenses for their operation were refused by the building inspector, on account of improper construction, but the theatres were allowed to continue in operation on oft renewed promises by the managers to

make the necessary alterations.

The District authorities are now hot on the trail of the delinquent theatre managers. They say they will enforce the law to the limit and that the manager of any theatre who operates his playhouse without a license will be arrested after each performance. The penalty for each violation of the law is \$100.

It was announced by the Commissioners of the Discrict of Columbia this afternoon that their hasty action in cousing the arrest of the theatre and hotel menagers was not caused by the Chicago fire. P. B. Chese takes a different view, however. He seems to feel hurt over the lack of consideration shown by the Commissioners and says 'no preliminary warning" was given him. Mr. Chase also says that Fire Marshal bieber told him that "everything would come out all right" and that he "might writ until after the holidays" before making the necessary changes in the construction of his theatre so as to comply with the law.

EDDIE FOY'S MESSAGE HOME. Relieved Fears for His Family, Although

It Was Known He Was Safe. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 31 .- "We are all safe, thank God," was a message sent by Eddie Foy, the comedian, to his sisters-inlaw in Harrison, Weschester county, this

morning. The sisters-in-law who were formerly Italian ballet dancers, are looking after the cottage of the comedian while his wife, Madeline, and the children are in Chicago. They left Harrison a few days ago and went to Chicago to spend the holidays. When the news of the fire reached Harrison this morning the friends and neighbors of the Foy family crowded to the cottage to inquire into the details. The visitors brought the first news of the disaster to Mrs. Fov's hands and were so excited that it couldn't be explained to them that Mr. Foy had escaped. The Foy children are Bryan aged 6; Charley, 4; Dick, 3, and Madeline three months. Charley is his father's

three months. Charley is his father's favorite. He sings the songs and goes through all of the dances and antics his father does as Sister Anne in "Mr. Bluebeard."

Mrs. Foy's sisters knew that Charley was in the habit of going to the theatre with his father and sitting in the front row of the orchestra to watch the performance, and even after they were assured that Mr. Foy had escaped they were greatly worried about the boy. It was not until the telegram arrived from Chicago signed by Foy that they felt at ease.

Miss Clara Morando, the actor's oldest sister-in-law, said: "This is a terrible ac-

sister-in-law, said: "This is a terrible ac sister-in-law, eaid: I lis is a terrible ac-cident and for those poor people in Chicago my heart goes out. I cannot find language to express the grief we feel. Thank God that my sister and her husband are safe. We received a letter from them yesterday from the Sherman House, Chicago, and they said they were having a good time. They were going to come home in a few days. This is my sister's husband's first fire, and we are all very glad that he proved himself so great a hero.

The comedian and his family are vershool there and in the summer their father organizes them and their schoolmates into all clubs and they have hot contests in the neighborhood.

THEATRE MANAGERS ARRESTED. SAFETY OF BOSTON THEATRES.

The Authorities Inquiring How Well They Are Equipped With Safety Appliancees. Boston, Dec. 31 .- The report of the Chicago fire to-day made things very busy in the office of the Building Commissioner at the old court house. Theatre architects and other persons came in to make in-quiries regarding the safety of Boston theatres. Commissioner Mulcahy ex-pressed the intention of immediately mak-ing a strict canvass of the theatres of Boston.

with a set of questions, to determine how well equipped the theatres are with safety appliances. The Commissioner has sent out circular letters to the managers of the Boston theatres, warning them that plans of the theatres, showing all the exits, must ap-pear in every programme. At present the pear in every programme. At present the force of the building department is insufficent to permit of as close an inspection as the Commissioner could desire, but he intends, if possible, to have an inspector visit the theatres and have the 'fire curains, sprinklers and other devices worked

in his presence.

BUSINESS NOTICES. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colle, diarrness, 25c, a bottle.

DIED AKERS .- Suddenly, in Bloomfield, N. J., at the home of her brother, Frank N. Unangst, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, 1903, Mrs. Martha Akers, in the 52d year of her age. Funeral services will be held in Bloomfield or

Bloomfield Cemetery DESHON.-Early on Wednesday morning, Dec. 30, the Very Rev. George Deshon, Superior General of the Paulist Fathers, aged 80 years. Solemn requiem at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, 60th st. and Columbus av., on Satur-

day morning, Jan. 2, at 10 o'clock, preceded by the Office of the Dead.

Members of the Catholic Converts' League of New York are requested to attend the funeral Very Rev. George Deshon, their first Suritual Director.

JESSE ALBE RT LOCKE, President. DEVERE .-- On Thursday, Dec. 31, at his restdence, 463A McDonough st., Brooklyn, James J. Devere, late Sandy Hook pilot. Relatives and friends and members of Sandy Hook Pilots' Association are invited to attend funeral from his late residence at 10 A. M. Saturday, Jan. 2, thence to the Church Lady

of Good Counsel, where a requiem mass will

RWERDA .-- At New Brunswick, N. J., Wednesday, Dec. 30, Constance May, daughter of Rev. ris and May Woodbridge Ferwerds, aged Funeral private. FISHER.-At his residence, Whitehall, White-stone ave., Flushing, New York, on Dec. 31.

be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

Notice of funeral hereafter. HIGGINSON .- Suddenly, on Dec. 30, in the 10th year of his age, Roger Griswold, son of the late Edith Griswold and of George Higginson,

1903. Clark Fisher, late Chief Engineer United

Jr., of Winnetka, Ill. HISTOX .-- At Taimadge Hill, near New Canasa. Conn., on Thursday, Dec. 31, William P. Histox, in his 69th year. Funeral services will be held at his late resi-

dence at Talmadge Hill on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1901, at 1 o'clock P. M. YAN .- Suddenly, at East Orange, N. J., Dec. 29, 1903. Abraham Hall Ryan, aged 68 years. Funeral service at Grace Church, Orange, on Friday, Jan. 1, 1904, at 11:30 A. M. Coaches will be in waiting at Brick Church station on arrival of the trains leaving Barciay and Christopher sts., D., L. & W. R. R., at 10:10 A. M. MILITARY ORDER LOYAL LEGION, UNITED

STATES-COMMANDERY STATE OF NEW YORK .-Abraham H. Ryan. Funeral services will be held this morning at 11:30 at Grace Church, Orange. Coaches will be in waiting at Brick Church station on arrival of 10:10 train D. L. & W. R. R. from New York

Companions are requested to attend. By Gen. THOMAS H. HUBBARD, Commander NOEL BLAKEMAN, Paymaster, U. S. N., Recorder. ORM .- In Jersey City, on Dec. 31, 1903, William

H. Storm, aged 60 years. Relatives and frience are invited to attend the Hoffman, 572 Jersey av . Jersey City. on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SULLIVAN.-On Dec. 29, 1903, Richard, beloved Funeral from the residence of his mother, 68 West 102d st., Friday, Jan. 1, at 1:30 P. M.

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